

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (original). Apparatus for dispensing foam comprising a source of foam and a dispensing device, the dispensing device comprising:

- (a) an inlet in communication with the source of foam;
- (b) a usable foam outlet;
- (c) a waste bleed outlet communicating with the inlet, the bleed outlet having a

higher resistance to flow of foam than that of the usable foam outlet.

2 (original). Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the waste bleed outlet is located adjacent the usable foam outlet.

3 (currently amended). Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 further comprising a second waste outlet communicating with the usable foam outlet.

4 (original). Apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein the second waste outlet has a lower resistance to flow of foam than that of the waste bleed outlet.

5 (currently amended). Apparatus as claimed in claim 3 or claim 4 wherein the communication between the second waste outlet and the usable foam outlet is via a valve arrangement.

6 (original). Apparatus as claimed in claim 5 wherein the valve arrangement comprises a diaphragm member.

7 (currently amended). Apparatus as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 comprising a substantially enclosed waste chamber with which the waste bleed outlet communicates.

8 (original). Apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein at least a portion of a wall of the waste chamber is transparent to allow inspection of foam in the chamber.

9 (currently amended). Apparatus as claimed in claim 7 or ~~claim 8~~ wherein the waste chamber forms an integral part of the dispensing device.

10 (original). A device for dispensing foam comprising:

- (a) an inlet for communication with a source of foam;
- (b) a usable foam outlet;

a waste bleed outlet communicating with the inlet, the bleed outlet having a higher resistance to flow of foam than that of the usable foam outlet; and

- (c) a connector for mechanically securing the device to a source of foam.

11 (original). A device as claimed in claim 10 wherein the waste bleed outlet is located adjacent the usable foam outlet.

12 (currently amended). A device as claimed in claim 10 or ~~claim 11~~ further comprising a second waste outlet communicating with the usable foam outlet.

13 (original). A device as claimed in claim 12 wherein the second waste outlet has a lower resistance to flow of foam than that of the waste bleed outlet.

14 (currently amended). A device as claimed in claim 12 or ~~claim 13~~ wherein the communication between the second waste outlet and the usable foam outlet is via a one way valve arrangement.

15 (original). A device as claimed in claim 14 wherein the one way valve arrangement comprises a diaphragm member.

16 (currently amended). A device as claimed in ~~any of claims 10 to 15~~ claim 10 comprising a substantially enclosed waste chamber with which the waste bleed outlet communicates.

17 (original). A device as claimed in claim 16 wherein at least a portion of a wall of the waste chamber is transparent to allow inspection of foam in the chamber.

18 (currently amended). A device as claimed in claim 16 or ~~claim 17~~ wherein the waste chamber forms an integral part of the device.

19 (currently amended). A kit comprising a device as claimed in ~~any of claims 10 to 18~~ claim 10 in combination with a foam source, the said source being provided with a connector complementary to that of the dispensing device and with a foam outlet complementary to the foam inlet of the dispensing device.

20 (original). A kit as claimed in claim 19 further comprising a syringe.

21 (currently amended). A kit as claimed in claim 19 or ~~claim 20~~ wherein the foam source comprises a first canister containing liquid to be foamed and a second canister containing pressurized gas for charging the said first canister prior to generation of foam.

22 (currently amended). An assembly comprising a device as claimed in ~~any of claims 10 to 18~~ claim 10 in combination with a syringe, wherein the nozzle of the syringe is fitted into the usable foam outlet, and wherein the usable foam outlet with the syringe nozzle fitted therein has a lower resistance to flow of foam than that of the waste bleed outlet.

23 (original). An assembly as claimed in claim 22 wherein the syringe nozzle is a standard luer nozzle and the usable foam outlet of the dispensing device is configured as a female luer connector.

24 (original). An assembly as claimed in claim 22 wherein the syringe comprises

a plunger having a projection extending into a nozzle of the syringe, whereby dead space in the syringe is minimised.

25 (currently amended). Apparatus as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 wherein the source of foam comprises a canister charged with liquid and gas under pressure.

26 (original). A method of dispensing foam comprising the steps of:

(a) dispensing foam to waste;
(b) observing the said foam being dispensed to waste and making a determination as to when the foam is of a predetermined quality;
(c) once the foam is of the said predetermined quality, dispensing foam to a separate location for subsequent use, whilst continuing to dispense foam to waste;
(d) wherein the rate at which foam is dispensed to waste is lower than the rate at which foam is dispensed to the said separate location for subsequent use.

27 (currently amended). A method of dispensing foam using the apparatus claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a syringe fitted to the usable foam outlet of the dispensing device;
(b) whilst holding a plunger of the syringe in a fully depressed position, causing foam from the source to flow into the foam inlet of the dispensing device and thence out of the waste bleed outlet;
(c) observing the said foam exiting the waste bleed outlet;

(d) when the said foam exiting the bleed outlet is observed to have a predetermined quality, releasing the plunger of the syringe, whereby the syringe fills with foam.

28 (original). A method of dispensing foam from a pressurized container comprising the steps of:-

(a) initially dispensing a continuous flow of foam to waste; and then
(b) subsequently diverting at least a proportion of the said flow of foam to a vessel for further use, without substantial interruption of the flow of foam from the canister.